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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2005

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the tenth meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations headquarters on Monday, 23 February 2005, for the purpose of electing nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child from a list of persons nominated by States parties, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 28 February 2005 (see annex I). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 28 February 2007 appear in annex II.

2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 3 September 2004 invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee within two months, i.e. by 3 November 2004. This document includes all nominations submitted before the established date.

3. In compliance with the provisions of article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, indicating the States parties which have nominated them. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III to the present document.

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Name of candidate	Nominated by
Ms. Ghalia Mohd Bin Hamad AL-THANI	Qatar
Mr. Ibrahim Abdul Aziz AL-SHEDDI	Saudi Arabia
Ms. Nafisa Hamoud AL-JAIFI	Yemen
Mr. Luigi CITARELLA	Italy
Mr. Pawel JAROS	Poland
Mr. Sanphasit KOOMPRAPHANT	Thailand
Ms. Yanghee LEE	Republic of Korea
Mr. Adik LEVIN	Estonia
Mr. Brett PARFITT	Canada
Mr. Awich POLLAR	Uganda
Mr. Ghassan Salim RABAH	Lebanon
Mr. Kamal SIDDIQUI	Bangladesh
Ms. Nevena VUCKOVIC-SAHOVIC	Serbia and Montenegro
Ms. Lucy SMITH	Norway
Mr. Jean ZERMATTEN	Switzerland

Annex I

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2005

Name of member	Country of nationality
Mr. Ibrahim Abdul Aziz AL-SHEDDI	Saudi Arabia
Ms. Ghalia Mohd Bin Hamad AL-THANI	Qatar
Ms. Joyce ALUOCH	Kenya
Ms. Saisuree CHUTIKUL	Thailand
Mr. Luigi CITARELLA	Italy
Ms. Yanghee LEE	Republic of Korea
Ms. Marilia SARDENBERG Zelner Gonçalves	Brazil
Ms. Lucy SMITH	Norway
Ms. Nevena VUCKOVIC-SAHOVIC	Serbia and Montenegro

Annex II

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2007

Name of member	Country of nationality
Ms. Alison ANDERSON	Jamaica
Mr. Jacob Egbert DOEK	Netherlands
Mr. Kamel FILALI	Algeria
Ms. Moushira KHATTAB	Egypt
Mr. Hatem KOTRANE	Tunisia
Mr. Lothar Friedrich KRAPPMANN	Germany
Mr. Norberto LIWSKI	Argentina
Ms. Rosa Maria ORTIZ	Paraguay
Ms. Awa N'Deye OUEDRAOGO	Burkina Faso

Annex III

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEES

Ghalia Mohd Bin Hamad AL-THANI (Qatar)

Date of birth: 1964

Marital status: Married

Schooling:

1972-1976 Beirut School for Girls, Lebanon

1976-1980 Amna Bint Wahab (High School), Doha

Medical degrees:

1980-1987 MBBs., Jordan University

January 1992 Membership Royal College of Physicians (UK) (Paediatrics)

1998 Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Health

Postgraduate training:

Institute of Child Health (London)

Queen Elizabeth Hospital	18 months
West Middlesex Hospital	12 months
Queen Charlotte Hospital	6 months (Neonatal Unit)

Date of appointment: June 1987
Rejoined: April 1992

Positions held:

Vice-Chairman of Arab Board Training Program, November 1993-September 2002

Arab Board Representative for Paediatrics in the State of Qatar, November 1993 until present

Chairperson of Paediatrics Department, March 1996 until present

Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the 3rd Qatari International Paediatric Conference, April 2005

Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the 2nd Qatari International Paediatric Conference, 3-5 April 2000

Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the 1st Qatari International Paediatric Conference, 15-17 December 1997

Chairperson of the General Committee for Training, Medical Education and Scholarship, October 1995-February 1998

Reappointed as Director of Medical Education and Scholarship, December 1998-January 2001

Chairperson of Medical Board for Treatment Abroad, May 1997-April 1998

Elected Teacher of the Year 1992-1993

Senior Specialist, 1 March 1994-1 March 1996

Paediatric Specialist, 18 April 1992-28 February 1994

Elected member of the United Nations Committee for the Rights of the Child. Elections were held in New York on 26 February 2001

Academic achievements:

Chronic constipation in paediatrics (Paediatric Surgery Symposium, 8 January 2004)

Diet in Acute Diarrhoea (First Paediatric Nutrition Conference, January 1993)

Cystic Fibrosis in Qatar (Gastroenterology Conference, February 1993)

Established Paediatric G.I. Unit in HGH in 1994

Rapporteur for Implementation of Cystic Fibrosis Services, Report of a Joint WHO/International Cystic Fibrosis (Mucoviscidosis) Association Meeting, held in Bahrain, 18 and 19 November 1995

Clinical work:

In addition to general paediatrics and hepatology, I have been working in paediatric gastroenterology since 1994.

Established unit and performed the following procedures:

- Upper and lower diagnostic endoscopy;
- Therapeutic upper G.I. endoscopy;
- Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy;
- Percutaneous liver biopsy

Membership:

Elected as a member of the British Paediatric Association, May 1995

Elected as a Fellow of the Royal College for Paediatrics and Child Health (FRCPCH), March 1998

Workshops:

The Leadership and Management for Heads of Department Programme, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, held in Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar, 5-9 January 2003

Raising Awareness on Human Rights, Doha Ritz Carlton, 11-13 May 2003, Resource Person: The Human Rights Treaties

Workshop on the implementation of concluding observations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child for Government officials and other stakeholders, Syrian Arab Republic, 17-19 December 2003

Arab Charter on Human Rights, Egypt, December 2003

National Committee for Human Rights held at the Doha Ritz Carlton, 5-6 January 2004

Sub-Regional Workshop on Human Rights Education, held at the Ramada Hotel, Doha, Qatar, 15-16 February 2004, Resource Person: Teaching Human Rights

Community work:

Chairperson of the Trafficking Committee, Supreme Council for Family Affairs, 21 March 2004

Vice-Chairman of the National Committee for Human Rights, May 2003

Chairperson of the Childhood Committee, Supreme Council for Family Affairs since March 2003

Chairperson of the National Committee for Special Needs (15 June 1999 to 28 February 2003) which has achieved the following:

- **Established the Shafallah Centre, which is an educational centre for children with special needs, including mentally challenged and autistic children. The centre aims at eventually serving children age 0-18, providing comprehensive services including treatment, prevention and family support for mentally and physically challenged individuals;**

- **Improving community awareness of genetic and environmental causes of physical and mental handicap;**

- Setting up legislation that would provide individuals (children and adults) with rights for an ideal existence in the society
- Centre for genetic counselling (under study)

Member of the National Committee for Special Needs since June 1998

Awards:

Award of "Middle East Special Lady in the Field of Social Services", 8 M ch 2003, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Publications:

Heterogeneity of the Cystic Fibrosis Phenotype in a large kindred family in Qatar with Cystic Fibrosis Mutation, 1999

Outcome of Congenital Hydronephrosis in Qatar, 1998

Conferences:

Eighth North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference, Orlando (Florida), United States of America, 20-23 October 1994

International Symposium "The Many Faces of Asthma", Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 17-19 October 1997

Second World Congress of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Paris, 3-7 July 2004

Ibrahim Abdul Aziz AL-SHEDDI (Saudi Arabia)

Date and place of birth: 16 July 1951, Saudi Arabia

Working languages: Arabic and English

Current position/function: General Secretary of the Saudi National Commission for Childhood

Main professional activities:

1971-1973	Teacher in intermediate school
1981-1983	Member of Saudi National Commission for UNESCO
1984 to present	Secretary-General of the Saudi National Commission for UNESCO Permanent Delegate of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO, Paris
1987 to present	Secretary-General of the Saudi National Commission for Childhood

Educational background:

B.A., College of the Arabic language, Riyadh, 1971

Diploma in Educational Administration, Oklahoma University, United States of America, 1979

M.A. in Educational Administration, Oklahoma University, 1980

Training course in international organizations, UNESCO headquarters, Paris, 1983

Ph.D. in international and regional organizations, Mohammed Bin Saud Islamic University, Riyadh, 1995

Other relevant activities:

Chairman of the committee for the preparation of the report of Saudi Arabia on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Member of the delegation of Saudi Arabia to the General Conference of UNESCO, since 1983, held every two years

President of the Executive Board of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), 1998-2002

Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Member of the delegation of Saudi Arabia to the special session of the General Assembly on the rights of the child

Most recent publications in the field:

***Educational Plans of International and Regional Organization*, 1999**

***Rights of the child*, 2004**

***Saudi Arabia and UNESCO*, in press**

Several researches and articles about education and children

Nafisa Hamoud AL-JAIFI (Yemen)

Date of birth: 1 June 1956

Nationality: Yemeni

Marital status: Married, two daughters and one son

Languages: Arabic Fluent
English Fluent
Russian average

Present position to date:

Secretary-General of HCMC (Higher Council for Motherhood and Childhood), director of the Child Development Project, September 2001

Member of the National Committee for Certifying the Eradication of Poliomyelitis in Yemen MoPH, WHO, 1998

Assistant Professor of Paediatrics, Sana'a University, College of Medicine, 1997

Academic degrees:

Ph.D. in Medicine (paediatrics), Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, State Paediatrics Medical Academy 1996 (Ph.D. thesis on clinical morphologic characteristics of periventricular brain lesion in preborn infants)

M.Sc. in paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, 1986 (M.Sc. thesis on clinical and radiological studies in cases of hydrocephalus)

M.B., B.CH., Cairo University, 1981

Employment history:

Previous positions:

2000-2001	Secretary-General of Soul (Society for the Development of Women and Children) (NGO), Yemen
1999-2001	Chairperson of Adaptation Group of IMCI, MoPH, Yemen

Present position:

June 1997 to date	Consultant for Paediatrics, Al-Sabeen Hospital, Sana'a

Clinical positions:

1998-2001	Head of Paediatrics Department, Al-Sabeen Hospital, Sana'a
1998-2001	Trainer for Paediatricians in the Arabic Board, the Higher Council for Yemeni Medical Specialization of MoPH
1986-1997	Specialist of paediatrics, Al-Thawra Hospital, Sana'a
1983-1985	Resident of paediatrics, Medical College Hospital, Abu-Al-Resh Hospital, Cairo
1981-1982	Internship at Cairo University Hospital

Academic position:

1997	Assistant Professor of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Sana'a University
1989	Assistant Lecturer of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Sana'a University
1987	Sana'a University Coordinator at Al-Thawra Hospital

Special experiences:

1993-1995	Cranial Ultrasound experience, The Children Hospital of Saint Petersburg, State Paediatrics Medicine Academy, Russian Federation
1992-1996	Neonatology, Newborn Centres and Hospitals of Saint Petersburg, State Paediatrics Medical Academy

Membership in societies:

Yemeni society of paediatricians

Society of Yemeni physicians

Society for the Development of Women and Children (SOUL)

Conferences and symposia:

Follow up for Diabetic School, Cairo University Hospital, 1996

Supervision of the Prevention of Diarrhoeal Diseases Programme, Damar, Yemen, 1988

Coordinator for the Breastfeeding Promotion Project, financed by the Embassy of the United Kingdom, supervised by the British Council and implemented by SOUL, August 1998-March 1999

Coordinator of IMCI (Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses) Workshop, Sana'a, 22-25 February 1999

Training course in computer use in medical and health system research, Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, Sana'a University, in collaboration with UNFPA Sana'a Office, 6-18 March 1999

Participant in the National Conference on Child Rights Law, Central Auditing and Control, Sana'a, 27-29 April 1999

Attended a workshop for development of medical standards for emergency obstetric care, Yemen MoPH, 24-29 May 1999

Breastfeeding Counselling Training Course (Certificate of National Trainer for the Promotion and Protection of Breastfeeding in Yemen), MoPH/WHO/UNICEF, 6-18 November 1999

Attended the Scientific Conference and Workshop of the thirty-second Arab Medicine Union Conference, Dubai, 28-30 March 2000

Completed a course at the British Council, Yemen on Yemeni key women skills, Sana'a, 27 February-26 July 2000

Attended the Second Interregional Case Management Course for Consultants (IMCI), Alexandria, Egypt, 28 July-8 August 2000

Attended the WHO/UNICEF Regional Consultation on Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI), Alexandria, Egypt, 19-23 November 2000

Yemen Coordinator for the IMCI Adaptation and Planning Workshop, Sana'a, 17-19 January 2000

Attended WHO Regional Consultation on Development of Regional Model Course for Training in IMCI Directorship and Facilitation Skills, Al-Hussein University Hospital, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, 12-20 May 2001

President of the Yemeni delegation to the Arab-African Arabian Forum against the Sexual Exploitation of Children, Rabat, 24-26 October 2001

Attended the first Committee Meeting for Arab Council for Books for Children and Young People, Cairo, 3-4 February 2002

President of the Yemeni delegation to the ninth round for consultants, Technical Committee for the Arab Childhood, the League of Arab States, Damascus, 22-25 April 2002

Head of the Yemeni delegation to the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on children

Head of the Yemeni delegation to the Children and the City Conference, Amman, 11-13 December 2002

Head of the Yemeni delegation to the World Bank Workshop on Understanding Children's Issues in MENA, Washington D.C., 24 and 25 June 2003

Attended the Third Committee Meeting for Arab Council for Books for Children and Young People, Cairo, 7 December 2003

Head of the Yemeni delegation to the Third Arab Conference on Children, Tunis, 12-14 January 2004

Head of the Yemeni delegation to the World Bank Reaching Vulnerable Children and Youth in Mena, Washington D.C., 16-17 June 2004

World Bank training course in social risk management, Washington D.C., 21-23 June 2004

Luigi CITARELLA (Italy)

Date of birth: 22 August 1931

Place of birth: Naples (Italy)

Nationality: Italian

Languages: English, French, Italian

Education: Ph.D. in Law, University of Milan, 1952

Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (2001-2005)

Member of the Italian Society for International Law

Member of the Italian Society for International Organization (SIOI)

University and scientific activities:

Director of Studies, International Academy of International Law, The Hague

1985-1995	Member of the Board of Directors for the research on "Italy and the United Nations", published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Italian Society for International Organization (SIOI)
1985-1993	Member of the Board for the research "Italian Practice of International Law", published in 6 volumes by the National Research Council and SIOI
1986-1995	Professor of international law, Courses for the Diplomatic Career (SIOI)
1993-1995	Chargé des Cours on European Community Law, Faculty of Political Science, University of Trieste
1993-1996	Professor of international criminal law, Postgraduate School of the Faculty of Law, University of Rome (La Sapienza) (1986-1989)
Since 1994	Professor of human rights, postgraduate courses, Faculty of Political Science, University of Rome (La Sapienza)
Since 1995	Professor of human rights, Centre for Studies and Research on Human Rights, Free International University for Social Studies (LUISS), Rome
Since 1995	Professor of human rights, ad hoc training courses for high rank personnel, High School of the Ministry of Interior and Academy of the Carabinieri

International activities:

Italian delegate in the Steering Committee for the revision of texts of treaties instituting the European Economic Community and the Euratom (1957-1958)

Italian delegate in the Steering Committee for the Treaty on Immunity and Privileges of European Institutions (1958-1960)

Expert consultant of the Council of Europe on the problem of family reunification of migrant workers in the European countries (1970-1975)

Legal expert of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on international aspects of family law (1976-1980)

Legal expert to the Italian-Yugoslav bilateral commission on border problems (1976-1982)

Legal expert in the Legal Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1981-1983)

Head of the Italian delegation in the negotiation of the Extradition Treaty between Italy and the United States of America (1981-1983)

Secretary-General of the Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1986-2003)

Head of the Secretariat of the National Committee for the Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (1998-1999)

Member of the Italian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, Third Committee (1986-2002)

Member of the Italian delegation to the Commission on Human Rights (1986-2002)

Member of the Italian delegation to the World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna, 1993)

Member of the Italian delegations to the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Committee against Torture and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1988-2002)

Member of the Italian delegation (legal expert) to the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court (1998)

Italian delegate to the intersessional working group of the Commission on Human Rights on the draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on involvement of children in armed conflict (2000)

Italian delegate to the Human Dimension Meeting on Human Rights and Inhuman Treatment of Punishment of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) (2000)

Member of the Inter-ministerial Coordinating Committee for the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the rights of the child (New York 2001)

Major publications:

International Organizations in the Field of Nuclear Cooperation (SIOI)

Handbook on the International Aspects of Family Law (Poligrafico dello Stato) (in Italian)

The Relationship between the Sources of International Law (1979) (in Italian)

The Preferences in International Trade Law (Milan, Giuffrè) (in Italian)

Articles and reviews in many law reviews and textbooks (Rivista di diritto internazionale, la Comunità Internazionale, Comunicazioni e studi dell'Istituto di diritto internazionale dell'Università di Milano, Journal du droit international, International Law Reports, etc.)

Study concerning the Problem of Immunities and in particular the Exemption of the Administrative Staff of the Diplomatic Mission (*Rivista di diritto internazionale*)

Pretended Principles of International Law on the Limits of the Jurisdiction of the State (*Rivista di diritto internazionale*)

On the limits of Italian Jurisdiction towards Italian Citizens (*Rivista di diritto internazionale*)

Radioactive Isotopes - legal regime (*Enciclopedia del petrolio e del gas naturale*)

Problems concerning the Jurisdiction in the International Conventions on Civil Liability towards Third Parties (*Diritto ed economia nucleare*)

La convention franco-italienne sur l'assistance judiciaire (Juris Classeur - Brulliard)

The Extension of the Principle of "self executing rules" to the conventional norms stipulated by the European Community (*Rivista di diritto europeo*)

The Relevance of International Law in the Law of the European Communities (*Collected Papers in honour of Riccardo Monaco*)

Articles on "Annexation" and on "Territory" (International Law) in the *Treccani Law Encyclopædia*

Recent publications and participation in seminars:

International agreements on the abduction of minors (Rome, 2001)

The Barcelona agreements and minorities rights (Naples, 2001)

La Convention sur les droits de l'enfant et l'oeuvre du Comité ad hoc (Turin, 2001)

Droit à l'éducation primaire obligatoire et gratuite: Nature juridique de la norme (Messina, 2001)

The principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Charter of children in hospital (Trieste, 2001)

The latest jurisprudence of the UN bodies on children's rights (Rome, 2002)

International trafficking of minors (Rome, 2002)

The role of the ombusdman for the protection of children's rights (Rome, 2002)

Human rights and children's rights (Teheran, 2002)

A new aspect of globalization: the International Criminal Court (Rome, 2003)

Towards the setting up of an Italian ombudsman for minors (Rome, 2003)

Terrorism and the rights of the child (Rome, 2004)

Jaros PAWEL (Poland)

Date of birth: 1 December 1961

Working languages: Polish, Russian, English

Current position/function:

Ombudsman for Children in Poland, President of the European Network of Ombudsmen for Children (ENOC), Honorary Member of the European Association for Children with Dyslexia, Honorary Member of the Unemployed Protection Committee, Knight of the Order of Smile

Main professional activities:

Observance of the rights of the child specified in the Polish Constitution and in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in particular, the right to life and health care, the right to education, to growing up in a family, to decent social conditions, the rights of disabled children, protection of children against cruelty, violence, exploitation, demoralization, and neglect; initiates law changes, controls childcare institutions, deals with the promotion of the rights of the child in Poland and in Europe, edits and publishes publications for children and adults, undertakes research and expert studies in respect to the rights of the child, provides opinions to parliaments and governments (e.g. the Government of Hungary, the Italian Parliament) and to ministers of social issues of States members of the European Union

Educational background:

1988: University of Łódź, Master of Law

1991: Legal training assistant judge; passed judge examinations; appointed judge in 1993

Numerous travels to the United States of America and the United Kingdom for educational purposes regarding the functioning of the judicial system. Obtained doctor's degree in constitutional law, dealing with the legal position of the Ombudsman for Children; numerous studies regarding, e.g., poverty of children, influence of Internet on child's health, reforms of institutional forms of childcare

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Cooperation with UNICEF (Geneva) - promotion of the rights of the child, organization of international conferences, billboard and educational campaigns, submission of reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child; numerous charity campaigns in favour of poor and sick children, organizer of the Polish Summit for Children, development of documents, work on the National Operational Plan, member of the Polish delegation to the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the rights of the child in 2002, leader of the Polish delegation to the Second World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Yokohama, Japan, in 2001, cooperation with the European Baseball Centre. Cooperation with scientific units, e.g. with the Family Law and Child Institute of Polish Academy of Sciences in Poznań (place of the development of the Convention on the Rights of the Child), Institute of Public Issues

List of most recent publications in the field:

Development of the documents of the Polish Summit for Children - "Poland for Children", Warsaw, 2003

Rights of the Child as a Patient, Warsaw, 2003

From Integration Teaching to a School of Equal Opportunities, Warsaw, 2001

The Right to Decent Social Conditions, Warsaw, 2002

Child in the Family, Warsaw, 2002

Publications in the Polish press

Sanphasit KOOMPRAPHANT (Thailand)

Date and place of birth: 20 September 1949, Bangkok, Thailand

Working languages: Thai and English

Current position/function:

Director, Centre for the Protection of Children's Rights Foundation (CPCR), Bangkok, responsible for the prevention and protection of abused and neglected children by using multidisciplinary approaches such as the setting up of multidisciplinary teams in nine major provinces in Thailand and the establishment of network of agencies in the Mae Kong Region to prevent children from being trafficked and to protect child victims of trafficking

Main professional activities:

Identification and investigation of cases concerning child abuse and neglect including child trafficking, development of instruments for child protection services on the monitoring of children and their families, development of guidelines on the treatment of abused children and their families, development of assessment tools on social reintegration of abused children and particularly the building of preventive measures to make families, schools and communities safe for children. Involvement in the development of national legislation on child protection and the training of professionals, especially health, social and legal professionals, on the appropriate ways to respond to cases concerning child abuse and neglect

Educational background:

Bachelor's degree in economics, Thammasat University, Bangkok

Bachelor's degree in law, Thammasat University, Bangkok

"Child Witness Support" training course, The Royal New Zealand Police College, Porirua (New Zealand)

"International Interdisciplinary Course on Children's Rights", University of Ghent, Belgium

"Law and Human Rights" training course, Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Member of the National Committee for Child Protection (2004-2007)

Member of the National Committee of the National Youth Promotion Bureau (2002-2004)

Member of the Drafting Committee on the Child Protection Act, 2003

Member of the Drafting Committee on the Thai National Human Rights Commission Act

President of the Coordinating Committee for Human Rights Organizations in Thailand

Treasurer of the Coalition to Fight Against Child Exploitation (FACE)

Legal adviser and assistant to the treasurer of the Foundation for Children

Councillor to the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) (until 2010)

Member of the advisory board of researchers on "problems and trends of child labor i. .ailand and the effect of child labor on future development", Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI) (2001)

Researcher on Measures for the Suppression and Prevention of Children and Women Trafficking in Thailand (2002-2003)

Most recent publications in the field:

***Handbook on the Management of Treatment for Child and Woman Victims of Trafficking*, 2003 (Thai edition)**

***Practical Handbook for Multidisciplinary Teams on Child Protection*, 2004 (Thai edition)**

Yanghee LEE (Republic of Korea)

Date and place of birth: 24 July 1956, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Working languages: Korean, English, French

Current position/function:

Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2003-2005)

Professor of Child Psychology and Education at Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, ROK

Member of the governing board of the Korean Committee for UNICEF

Member of the National Coordination Committee on Children's Policies, ROK

Member of the Task Force for Drafting National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights of the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea

Main professional activities:

Member of the governing board of the Korean Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

Member of the editorial board of the Korean Association of Child Studies

Member of the Korean Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Member of the governing board of the Korean Council for Children's Rights

Member of the Korean Society for Special Education

Vice-President of the Korean Association of Persons with Autism

Member of the Korean Counselling Psychological Association

Member of the governing board of the Korean Society of Behavior Therapy

Member of the Korean Association for Future Early Childhood Education

Member of the Korean Developmental Psychology Association

Founding member of the Korean Society for the Rights of Children with Disabilities

Educational background:

B.S. in French (minor in Chinese), Georgetown University, United States of America

M.D. in Early Childhood Education for the Handicapped, University of Missouri-Columbia, United States of America

Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education for the Handicapped (support area in Child and Family Development), University of Missouri-Columbia, United States of America.

Other main activities:

Addressed the Academic Forum on the Rights of the Child held at Waseda University on the topic of "Implementing the concluding observations on Japan and the role of civil society", 6 March 2004

Addressed the Japan Federation of Bar Associations on the topic of "the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child and its consideration of Japan's second periodic report", 8 March 2004

Chaired a working group during the general day of discussion held by the Committee on the Rights of the Child on Implementing Child Rights in Early Childhood, 17 September 2004

Country visit to Myanmar, scheduled for 5 to 8 November 2004, at the invitation of the State party

Participation in the second regional workshop to be held in Bangkok on the implementation of the concluding observations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, with the participation of representatives of the Governments and civil societies of Indonesia, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, and Viet Nam

Member of the Consultative Committee on Human Rights Policies of the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea, 2004-2005

Chaired the Committee on the Promotion of Children's Rights of Save the Children Korea, 2003

List of most recent publications:

"The nature and effect of child abuse in reported child abuse cases", *Journal of Korean Council for Children's Rights* (2003) (co-authorship)

"A study on the relationship of mother's CHEONG, parenting behavior, and child temperament", *Journal of Korean Council for Children's Rights* (2003) (co-author J. Ryu)

"The relationship between childhood fears and behavioral problems", The Korean Society for the Study of Elementary Education (2003) (co-author M. Koo)

International Standards for Children's Rights, Association of Children and Youth (2003)

International Commitment to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation, International Symposium on Youth Sexual Protection

Children's Rights Policy in DPRK, The Korean Association of Child Studies (2003)

Human Rights Education Curriculum in the Primary School, National Commission on Human Rights (in press)

Adik LEVIN (Estonia)

Date and place of birth: 17 August 1940, Valga, Estonia

Nationality: Estonian

Marital status: Married, one child

Working languages: Estonian, Russian, English, German

Current position/function:

Professor, Department of Social Work, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences

WHO, European Temporary Adviser (since April 1997)

"Role" Ltd., Vice-President of Medicine

Main professional activities:

2004 to present	"Role" Ltd. Vice-President of Medicine
1996 to present	Tallinn University of Educational Sciences Professor in the Department of Social Work
1979-2004	Tallinn Children's Hospital Head of Neonatal and Infants' Department
1975-1979	Tallinn Second Children's Hospital Paediatrician
1969-1975	Oblast Central Hospital (Uralsk, Kazakhstan) Head of Children's Department

Educational background:

1991	Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow Doctor of Medical Science
1974	Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow Candidate of Medical Science (academic title)
1962-1968	Leningrad Paediatric Medical Institute

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Professional membership:

WHO, European Temporary Adviser (promoting the implementation of a more humane approach to medical practice in Belarus, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Uzbekistan, the Russian Federation, Malta, Italy, Indonesia and Chile)

Estonian Breast Milk Committee

Estonian Group of International Breastfeeding Action Network (Coordinator)

Estonian Council on Bioethics

Ethics Committee of Tallinn Children's Hospital (Chairman)

Council of Tallinn Children's Hospital

Council of Tallinn Children's Hospital Foundation

Council of Tallinn Stomatological Policlinic

Council of Baltic-American Partnership Programme

Estonian Society of Perinatology

Northern Estonian Ethics Committee

Honorary membership:

Penza State Institute of Postgraduate Medical Training (Russian Federation); awarded the rank of Honorary Professor on 25 May 1999

Republican Children's Clinical Hospital, Bashkortostan Republic (Russian Federation); status of Honorary Doctor, 25 June 1999

Estonian Paediatric Association; status of Honorary Member, 1 June 2001

International project coordination:

2003 to present	Coordinator of the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action's Humane Neonatal Care Initiative
1998-2001	Swedish-Estonian concerted project on ethical problems in newborn intensive care, Estonian Coordinator
1995-1998	European Union Concerted Action Project EURONIC, Estonian Coordinator

Presentations at 43 international congresses, conferences and meetings in about 20 countries since 1990

List of most recent publications in the field:

"Children's Right in the Context of Medical and Nursing Staff Attitudes and Opinions in Neonatal Intensive Care Units", *Estonian Social Welfare at the Threshold of the Millennium*, 1999, pp. 59-65 (co-author M. Venesaar)

"Humane Neonatal Care Initiative Viewpoint", *Acta Paediatrica*, 4, vol. 88, April 1999, pp. 353-355

"Medical-Psychological Work with Mothers in Neonatal Unit" *Lactation and Stillen*, 1999, pp. 135-136

"Work with Mothers in Neonatal Unit", *Lietuvos akušerija ir ginekologija*, vol. 3, 1999, pp. 203-205

"Neonatal Medicine - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow", *Topical Problems of Perinatology*, special edition, 1999, pp. 6-8. Health Care of Bashkortostan

"Child, Family and Medicine", Tallinn, TEA, 2000 (co-author V. Kagan)

Neonatal End-of-Life Decision Making: Physicians Attitudes and Relationship with Self-reported Practices in 10 European Countries, EURONIC Study Group, 2000. *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, vol. 284, No. 19, pp. 2451-2459 (co-authorship)

Neonatal End-of-Life Should Euthanasia be Legal? The Views and Practices of Neonatal Physicians and Nurses in Ten European Countries, EURONIC Study Group, 2000 (co-authorship)

The Person Number One - Child, Videofilm (co-authors T. Kangro, K. Torim), 2000 (edited in English, Russian, Estonian and Spanish)

Humane Perinatal Care, Tallinn, TEA publishers, 2000 (co-author Beverly Chalmers)

"Should Euthanasia be Legal? An International Survey on Neonatal Intensive Care Units Staff", *Journal Archives of Disease in Childhood*, 2000

David Brent PARFITT (Canada)

Date and place of birth: 14 January 1946, Victoria (British Columbia) Canada

Working language: English

Current position/function:

Independent consultant in human rights and on the role of the Ombudsman, children's rights and the development of democratic institutions. Associate, Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria (U Vic). Associate, International Institute for Child Rights and Development (U Vic). Associate, Institute for Dispute Resolution (U Vic). Adviser to the Society for Children and Youth of British Columbia. Adviser to the Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children

Main professional activities:

The care, protection and rights of children and youth have been a special feature of Mr. Parfitt's professional activities, along with human rights generally and the delivery of fair and equitable public services. He was Director of the Family and Social Services Law Unit at the Ministry of Attorney General. In 1979, he went to the Ombudsman's Office where he created the Child and Youth Team and became the Deputy Ombudsman for Children and Youth. The main focus of the Ombudsman's Office is to promote concepts of administrative fairness and natural justice, as well as human rights and the rights of the child. He also lectured at the Faculty of Law, School of Child and Youth Care and the School of Public Administration (U Vic); and was clinical instructor at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia. He has given hundreds of speeches on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and co-hosted two international conferences on children's rights

Educational background:

1968	Bachelor of Arts
1971	Bachelor of Law
1972	Called to the Bar

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Consultant to Governments (Latin America and Caribbean, Eastern Europe and South East Asia) on children's rights and education

Senior Adviser to Centre for Global Studies at University of Victoria

Chairperson, International Institute for Child Rights and Development (non-profit)

Participant Round Table Consultant on Unaccompanied Children Seeking Refuge Status

Participant, Round Table Consultant with IMPACS on Media and War Affected Children

Task Force on Children's Rights in Education, developing modules on articles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Co-Chair on Child Protection Legislation Review Committee (Community Panel)

Adviser on Adolescent Health Survey, McCreary Foundation

Adviser to Television Programme "KidZone" - Knowledge Network

List of most recent publications in the field:

"Ensuring Fairness", *Recovery*, vol. 11, No. 1 (Spring 2000)

"Fairness for All", *Recovery*, vol. 11, No. 3 (Fall 2000)

"Public education on the role of the Ombudsman Office: geographical concerns, targeting vulnerable groups", *International Ombudsman's Anthology*, 1999

"Public Services to Children, Youth and their Families: The Need for Integration", *Ombudsman Public Report No. 22*

***Little Injustices* - on Youth Detention Centres in British Columbia, (co-author Carl Friedmann)**

Awich POLLAR (Uganda)

Date of birth: 8 October 1970

Nationality: Ugandan

Working language: English

Educational background:

2000 Law Development Centre, Postgraduate diploma in legal practice (Bar course). During internship, trained in parliamentary legal procedures and draftsmanship

1999 Makerere University, LLB (Honours)

1995 Kampala, trained in HIV/AIDS, counselling to help child soldiers

At 13 years of age, I left school and became a child soldier in 1983. Pursuant to the Government's policy of demobilizing child soldiers and re-integrating them into schools and the society, I, like many other ex-child soldiers, returned to primary school in 1986

Professional experience:

1999-to date Practised law in one of the principal organs of Government. Engaged in establishing Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms (ADR) in legal matters concerning child soldiers faced with litigation

Provided Legal Aid Services to children in Family Courts

2000 Re-joined the National Army and promoted to the rank of Captain

1995 Organized and mobilized children to present their views during the Constitutional Review Commission

1992 Was instrumental in presenting children's views (advocacy) leading to the enactment of the Child Statute of Uganda National Programme of Action for Children (UNPAC)

Experience as a child soldier (1983-1985):

1983-1986 As a child soldier, was the commander in charge of evacuating children and women to safe areas behind the battle lines

Was supervisor of the distribution of food to children and women behind the battle lines

Commander of immunization exercise at one time during the war

Actively participated as commander of the guards of humanitarian centres like hospitals during the war

Post-armed conflict experience:

2002	Organized and mobilized ex-child soldiers from other belligerent organizations during peace talks with Uganda National Rescue Front II (UNRFII)
	Counselled other ex-child soldiers who were reporting to the Government of Uganda
1992-1995	Was a research assistant to many international organizations carrying out research on child soldiers (UNICEF) and Network of Researchers and Research Users of Uganda (NURU)
1987	Picked as a peer child soldier to discourage other children from joining rebel forces
1986-1987	Conducted mass-media campaigns for child soldiers to go back to school. Led the operation of screening for child soldiers from army units nationwide to return them to school
1986-to date	Strong advocacy for the rights of child soldiers
1986-1995	Became liaison officer for the child soldiers after we had returned to school
1986-1990	Was instrumental in helping ex-child soldiers locate their families and homes after the war. Organized and mobilized ex-child soldiers from other belligerent parties during peace talks on conflict. This was a very difficult and lengthy exercise since many did not know where they came from
	Led a committee that negotiated with hostile communities to accept ex-child soldiers to be re-integrated in their localities
1987-1988	Organized and led television and radio programmes to discourage children from joining the armed forces

Accomplishments:

Chairman of Makerere University Counselling Group to erase the social stigma against child soldiers

Over 2,000 child soldiers returned to school, many of whom are professionals and university graduates; 80 per cent completed high school education

Ghassan Salim RABAH (Lebanon)

Date of birth: 27 September 1949

Nationality: Lebanese

Working languages: Arabic, French and English

Personal information: Married and father of two boys
Excellent health

Professional experience:

Expert in international human rights, judge, organizational manager and law professor, advocate and organizer. Fifteen years of relevant experience at the academic, judicial, governmental, non-governmental, regional and international levels

Professional and managerial experience in the Committee on the Rights of the Child; chairperson of Lebanon's magistrate; lecturer of law; executive board member of four non-governmental human rights and professional legal associations

Education:

1978	Diploma, Judicial Institute
1986	State Doctorate in Law
1983	Two graduate degrees in comparative international law

Academic positions:

To date	Professor in two faculties of Law and Social Sciences at the Lebanese University and other American universities
To date	Professor of graduate studies on juvenile delinquency
1995-2002	Professor of business law, Faculty of Law, Lebanese University

Judicial positions:

1993-1997	Head of the Juvenile Criminal Court in South Lebanon
1997-2002	Attorney-General in South Lebanon
	Head of appellate court in Beirut (labour disputes)

Adviser of the Minister of Justice on international conventions relating to human rights

Chairman of several judicial committees related to child's rights in Arab countries

Social work:

1990 Chairman of the Committee for the Protection of Juveniles in Lebanon

Since 1990 General Supervisor of juvenile houses of correction in Lebanon

Adviser of the Minister of Justice and of the Parliamentary Committee on Child's Rights of the Lebanese parliament

1997-2001 Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child

Publications:

Phenomenon of Crimes in the War of Two Years (1979)

Death penalty, a solution or a problem? (1987)

Modern Approaches in the Laws of Juvenile Delinquents in the Middle East (1991)

Law of Amnesty (1992)

History of Laws and Social Regulations (1993)

Modern Drug Law and Mental Effects (1991)

Law for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Ownership and Computer Crimes (2003)

Juvenile Rights in Conflict with The Law (2004)

Published editorials and speeches in the name of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in relevant periodicals in Lebanon and abroad in English, French, and Spanish

Conferences attended:

Conferences of Prison Fellowship International, Seoul (1992), Washington, D.C. (1996), Toronto (2003), Sofia (2004)

"Treating the Legal, Social and Economic Status of the Young Prisoner Under Eighteen Years of Age"

"Dealing With the Children of War" (Amman, 1995)

"Juvenile crimes, the reasons and the treatment" (London, 1999)

"The tenth anniversary of the Child's Rights Committee" (Cairo, 2000)

"Violence and Sexual Assault of Children and Ways for Their Rehabilitation" (Newcastle, United Kingdom, 2000)

"Racism and the Kidnapped Child's Rights in the World" (Bangkok, 2000)

"Child's Labor Problems" (Belfast, 2000)

Conferences organized:

Organized numerous conferences and workshops relating to the rights of the child in cooperation with UNICEF (Geneva, Beirut, Damascus, Algeria, Qatar, Oman, Panama, Jordan and Egypt) attended by representatives of the law enforcement agencies, judges, lawyers, teachers, social workers, NGOs and others

References:

Dr. Bahij Tabbara - Minister of Justice - Beirut, Lebanon.

Dr. Kamal Saliby - American University of Beirut - Beirut, Lebanon.

Dr. Mustafa Augi - Judge, Palace of Justice - Beirut, Lebanon

Kamal SIDDIQUI (Bangladesh)

Date and place of birth: 11 December 1945, Comilla, Bangladesh

Working languages: English, Bengali, Hindi and Urdu

Current position/function:

Principal Secretary, Prime Minister's Office since October 2001; as Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister, involved in policy-making and monitoring of policy implementation at the highest level

Chairman, Independent South Asia Commission on Poverty Alleviation (ISACPA) set up by SAARC Heads of States/Governments at the SAARC Summit held in Kathmandu in December 2001

Chairman, National Steering Committee on Poverty Alleviation since September 2003. The task of this committee is to convert the Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (IPRSP) into a PRSP through in-depth consultation with all stakeholders

Chairman, Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee on Child Rights since January 2002

Main professional activities:

Policy-making and oversight of policy implementation at the highest levels of Government, SAARC (ISACPA) and the Asian Development Bank (as member of the ADB Board). In the field of child rights, concrete achievements during the last three years have been the release of a large number of children from jails, establishment of nurseries in prisons and safe homes, raising the age of criminal liability and converting correction centres for children into development centres. Recognized as a champion of children by the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in its landmark judgement in a child rights case in 2003, owing to these activities

Teaching, training and research in development economics, public policy, human rights, governance and poverty alleviation

Educational background:

1980	Ph.D. in Economics, University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
1975	M.A. in Development Studies, with distinction, University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
1974	Postgraduate Diploma in Development Administration with Distinction, University of Leeds, United Kingdom
1966	Master of Science in Applied Chemistry, First Class, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Chairman, National Committee to suggest organizational set-up of the office of Independent Children Commissioner for Bangladesh, March 2004

Chairman, Board of Governors, Social Development Foundation (SDF), an organization jointly funded by the World Bank and the Government of Bangladesh since January, 2002. This organization is devoted to the alleviation of hard-core poverty

Organized an International Workshop on Child Labour in Dhaka on 12 March 2003 under the auspices of Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD)

Leader, Bangladesh Government delegation to France, Norway and Sweden in February 2004 to study the Children Ombudsman institution in these countries with a view to setting up such an institution in Bangladesh

Head of the Bangladesh delegation to the meeting of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva to review the implementation status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Bangladesh (second periodic report review session), September 2003

List of most recent publications in the field:

Published 30 books and more than 100 articles, notes, book reviews, reports, etc. Those relevant to child rights are as follows:

Megacity Governance in South Asia: A Comparative Study (Dhaka, University Press, 2004)

Better Days, Better Lives: Towards a Strategy of Implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Bangladesh (Dhaka, University Press, 2004) (Bengali edition, 2002)

Keynote presentation at the National Workshop on Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility and Aspects of the Children Act 1974, Dhaka, January 2004

Overcoming the Governance Crisis in Dhaka City (Dhaka, University Press, 2000)

Jagatpur 1977-1997: Poverty and Social Change in Rural Bangladesh, (Dhaka, University Press, 2000)

Social Formation in Dhaka City: A Study in Third World Urban Sociology (Dhaka, University Press, 1990)

Nevena VUČKOVIĆ-ŠAHOVIĆ
(Serbia and Montenegro)

Date and place of birth: 2 August 1955, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Working languages: English, French, Serbian. Speaks and understands other south-Slavic languages

Current position/function:

Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

President of the Child Rights Centre - Belgrade. The overall goal of the Centre is the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Activities are focused on introducing such laws, policies and practices that enable the improvement of children's well-being, the protection of their rights and their full participation in society. Specifically, the Centre works on: raising awareness on the importance of child rights and relevant international law and practice; scientific and professional research in the domain of child rights; education of professionals, parents and children; carrying out programmes in specific areas of child rights and encouraging improvements of child rights. Through its Information, Research and Education and Child Rights Policy Development sectors, the Centre has organized over 100 seminars, training and round tables in Yugoslavia and Europe; published several dozen books, magazines, manuals and reports, advocated for ratification of several child-related international treaties, provided reports on the situation of children in the FRY, initiated substantial reforms and policies in the area of juvenile justice and social protection of children, and carried out many other activities

Adviser to the Ministry of Education of Serbia on democratization of education and civic education

Founding member and member of the Governing Board of the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights

Member of the International Law Association of Serbia and Montenegro

Member of the Executive Board of the International Service for Human Rights, Geneva

Member of the Council for Human Rights of the Centre for Anti-War Action in Belgrade

Main professional activities:

1997-present With the Child Rights Centre - Belgrade (originally Yugoslav Child Rights Centre), the first and the only organization in Yugoslavia devoted exclusively to the promotion and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as a founder and head of the organization. The scope of work includes managing, planning, evaluating and actually participating in all activities of the Centre. It also includes research, writing and teaching (seminars, universities, schools)

1993-1997 Independent human rights lawyer (member of the Belgrade Bar Association)

1992-1993 Senior counsellor in the Federal Ministry for Human and Minority Rights in charge of communication with international human rights governmental and non-governmental organizations and bodies

1985-1992 Senior adviser to the Serbian Government Secretariat for International Relations

1979-1985 Began professional career in 1979 in the Belgrade Municipal Administration, where she stayed until 1985 as a legal adviser on social and educational programmes

Educational background:

Graduated from Belgrade University Law School

Bar examination 1983

LLM in international law, Belgrade University Law School ("Activities of the International Labour Organization in protection of social rights")

Ph.D. in Law, Belgrade University Law School ("The Rights of the Child and International Law")

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Coordinated and prepared the alternative report on the rights of the child in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, in 1993

With the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, organized seminars and lectures on the Convention, its procedures and the rights of the child

With the Child Rights Centre, participated in numerous programmes regarding promotion, protection and relevant legislation

Lobbied for the ratification of the optional Protocols to the Convention; in charge of developing indicators and creating child policy in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and South-East Europe

Prepared independent overall report on the exercise of the rights of the child in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1996-2002)

Prepared independent overall report on the exercise of the rights of the child in Serbia and Montenegro (2003)

Coordinated establishment of SEECRAN (South-East European Child Rights Action Network), which enabled links and activities among more than 80 child-related organizations in the region

Lectured at numerous seminars in the country and internationally, as well as at university graduate and postgraduate courses

Participated in numerous national and international seminars, meetings, round tables and conferences relating to the Convention and child rights in general

Participated in numerous training courses and seminars in the field of human rights, international law and NGO development (The Hague Academy of International Law, Salzburg Seminar)

List of most recent publications:

Children in the Face of Genocide and Crimes against Humanity (Dinah Shelton, ed.) Encyclopaedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity, MacMillan, 2004

"Tasks and Methods of Work of the Committee on the Rights of the Child", *Yearbook of the International Law Association of Serbia and Montenegro*, 2004

The Rights of the Child and International Law, The Yugoslav Child Rights Centre, 2000

Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a manual for implementation, The Yugoslav Child Rights Centre and UNICEF, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002; (also translated into Hungarian and Albanian)

The Situation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of the Child in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, 1999

Selected International Instruments on the Rights of the Child, The Yugoslav Child Rights Centre, 1999

"Juvenile Justice in International Law, with Special Reference to Juvenile Delinquents", *The Yugoslav Review of International Law*, 1997

Rights of the Child - Global and Yugoslav Prospective, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, 1997

Lucy SMITH (Norway)

Date and place of birth: 12 October 1934, Oslo, Norway

Working languages: Fluent in Norwegian and English, some French

Current position/function:

Professor of Law, University of Oslo

Chairperson, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights

Vice-President, European University Associations

Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

Main professional activities:

Teaching and research at the University of Oslo, as full-time professor in child law, human rights law and law of contracts

Lectures on the rights of the child in other Nordic countries

Activities related to the vice-presidency of the European University Association, including board meetings, seminars, conferences and lectures, etc.

Activities connected with positions in various companies and organizations, including membership of the board of several humanitarian organizations.

Educational background:

Cand. jur. (Norwegian Law degree), University of Oslo, 1959

Doctor juris (Doctorate in Law), University of Oslo, 1981

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Adviser to UNICEF, Norway

Adviser to the Ombudsman for Children in Norway

Member of the Board and Council of the Norwegian Branch of SOS Children's Villages

Member of the Board of the Red Cross Contact Telephone for Children in Norway

Member of the Advisory Board of the Institute on Family and Neighbourhood Life, Clemson University, South Carolina, United States of America

List of most recent publications in the field:

***Parents and Children*, sixth revised edition, Oslo, 2004 (in Norwegian)**

"Norwegian Social Welfare legislation and Human Rights" (article in Norwegian)

"Human Rights for Children" (article in English 2003)

Jean ZERMATTEN (Switzerland)

Date and place of birth: 2 March 1948 in Sion (Switzerland)
Married, two children, Swiss citizen

Educational background:

1968	Baccalaureate B (Latin-English), College of Sion (Switzerland)
1972	Law Degree, University of Fribourg (Switzerland)

Languages:

French, mother tongue and working language
German, English, Italian, Spanish, good working knowledge

Main professional activities:

1973-1980	Clerk, then judge "ad hoc" at the juvenile court, Fribourg (Switzerland)
1980-present	President and dean of the juvenile court of the canton of Valais (Switzerland)
1989-2002	Lecturer at the University of Fribourg (Arts Faculty, Social Work and Law Faculty)
1994-present	Founder and Director of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE)
1998-present	Co-founder and member of the Fondation Sarah Oberson
2002	Initiated and launched the Executive Master on Children's Rights, in collaboration with the University of Fribourg and the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch

Other relevant activities:

2000-2003	Charged by the Swiss Confederation to draft a project for the first unified law for the criminal procedure for minors (OFJ)
2000	Initiated the interactive website www.childsrights.org.
2002	Charged by the cantons of French-speaking Switzerland and Ticino to draft an inter-cantonal concordat on the implementation of measures for young offenders (adopted in October 2003)
May 2002	Attended the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the rights of the child

November 2003	Collaborated in the creation of the first Swiss children's rights network bringing together more than 50 Swiss NGOs
August 2003	Commissioned by the canton of Valais to draft law implementing the new Federal Law on the criminal statute for young offenders
January 2004	Commissioned by the canton of Geneva to evaluate the cohabitation educators/guards at La Clairière, a detention and observation centre for young offenders

Board membership:

1982-1994	Member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Magistrates for Youth and Family (IAMYF)
1984-1990	President of the Swiss society for criminal law for juveniles
1986-1994	Member of the board of experts for the revision of the Swiss Criminal Code
1994-1998	President of the International Association of Magistrates for Youth and Family (IAMYF)
1994-present	Founder and director of the IDE
1998-present	Founder and vice-president of the Fondation Sarah Oberson
1983-1997	President of the management board of the Rives-du-Rhône homes (institutions for young drug addicts)
1988-1999	Member, then vice-president of the Valais Committee against drug addiction
1983-present	Member of the board of the St. Raphaël institution (for adolescents in difficulty)
2001 - present	Founder member and member of the council of the "Mafli Children" foundation, an organization helping children to realize their personal project (www.lesenfantsdemafli.org)
2003-present	Member of the board of directors of the Robert Schumann Institute for Europe

Programmes, courses, conferences:

Organization in Sion of one-week training courses on juvenile justice upon UNICEF request:

June 1999	For senior officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran in collaboration with UNICEF Iran
December 2002	For senior officials of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in collaboration with UNICEF Macedonia

March 2003	For Turkish magistrates in collaboration with UNICEF Turkey
October 2003	For senior officials of the Republic of Moldova in collaboration with UNICEF Moldova
August 2004	For senior officials of Mauritania in collaboration with UNICEF Mauritania

Regional conferences and programmes:

September 1999	Tunis: Director and speaker at a general course on the rights of the child for 200 childhood professionals from Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Mauritania, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Jordan
2002-present	Balaton Lake, Hungary, and Borovets, Bulgaria: Co-director of a three-year training course for social workers in Eastern Europe (10 countries) in partnership with the International Social Service
2002-present	La Somone and M'Bour, Senegal: Co-Director of a three-year training course for childhood professionals in Western African countries (11 countries) in partnership with the International Social Service
April 2002	Tripoli: Participation at the Conférence Méditerranée-Europe, Dialogue Afrique-Europe-Méditerranée, Institut Robert Schumann pour l'Europe (audience: politicians of the North African countries and the Middle East)
June 2002	Istanbul: Speaker at the Forum on Juvenile Justice, organized by the World Academy for Local Government and Democracy (WALD) (audience: magistrates, senior officials, lawyers and professors)
March 2003	Burkina Faso: Co-director of a three-year training course for childhood professionals from French-speaking African countries, in partnership with the Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie
October 2003	Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland: Conférence de réconciliation de Côte d'Ivoire, chair and introductory lecture "L'Enfant, instrument de paix" (audience: Côte d'Ivoire warring factions)
October 2003	Geneva and Sion: Co-director of the training course on juvenile justice for decision makers from Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic, organized with CASIN

National programmes and conferences:

August 2000	Sion, Switzerland: Director and speaker at a one-week training for MECA (Middle East Children Association, NGO gathering of Palestinian and Israeli teachers)

May 2000	Bogotá: Organized a seminar "Protección de los derechos del niño", in collaboration with the Law Faculty of Sergio Arboleda University
May 2000	Mendoza, Argentina: Speaker at a seminar on juvenile justice at the University of Aconcagua, on "Taking care of young offenders: an international perspective"
May 2001	Córdoba, Argentina: Congreso sobre la Convivencia escolar y violencia, lecture "La violencia y la escuela" (audience: teachers, social workers, parents and students)
May 2001	Buenos Aires: Organized a seminar "Derecho de los niños y mediación", in collaboration with the Law Faculty of the Catholic University (audience: working mediators, mediators in training, family law professionals)
May 2001	Bogotá: Organized a seminar "Protección de los niños victimas del conflicto armado", in collaboration with the Law Faculty of the Sergio Arboleda University, the Foundation "Cultura para la Paz" and the "Alto Comisionado para la paz" (audience: people involved in the issue of childhood, displacements and justice)
November 2001-present	Yangon: General director and speaker at a three-year training course, with the collaboration of the Centre for the Humanitarian Dialogue for 120 childhood professionals from various State ministries, NGOs, monasteries, universities and schools
May 2002	University of Sherbrooke, Canada, Foundation Charles Coderre, presentation "La prise en charge des mineurs délinquants; quelques éclairages à partir des grands textes internationaux et d'exemples européens" (audience: professionals of juvenile justice (magistrates, lawyers, policemen, psychologists, social workers))
June 2002	Rome: Speaker at the Congress of the Italian Association of Magistrates for Youth and Family: "Is Juvenile Justice endangered?" (audience: professionals in the fields of juvenile justice (magistrates, lawyers, policemen, psychologists, social workers))
May 2003	Buenos Aires: Speaker at the seminar "Violence in the Family; Juvenile delinquency", Catholic University (audience: teachers, social workers, parents and students)
April 2004	Istanbul, Turkey: Co-animator and speaker for lawyers, magistrates, policemen and students at Behaçesihir University: "The new Swiss criminal statute for young offenders" and "Institutions for young delinquents in Switzerland", and University of Maltepe, Istanbul "The Swiss system of juvenile justice"

Recent conferences in Switzerland:

2003

30 May, Geneva	"Dedans ou Dehors, l'intégration des mineurs délinquants", Club international de Pédiatrie sociale (audience: doctors and workers in public health)
12 September, Fribourg	"Les jeunes mineurs migrants délinquants. La fin des illusions éducatives?" Congrès européen de criminologie juvénile (audience: criminologists, senior officials, professors and students)
26 September, Sion	"La place de la médiation dans la nouvelle Loi fédérale régissant la condition pénale des mineurs", Symposium européen de médiation pénale, IUKB (audience: European mediators fully trained or still in training)
27 September, Fribourg	"The best interest of the Child as defined by the CRC, EMCR" Université de Fribourg
13 November, Pramont	"La nouvelle loi fédérale régissant la condition pénale des mineurs", Société valaisanne du patronage (audience: penal establishment professionals)
19 November, Sion	"Jeunes délinquants. Quel soutien par les nouvelles dispositions pénales?" Meeting of prison chaplains of French-speaking Switzerland

2004

15 January, Les Rasses	"Les jeunes en 2004. Faut-il en avoir peur?" Gastroforum 2004 (audience: people working in catering)
9 February, Sion	"Enfants violents, enfants dérangeants; nos enfants", Rotary Club
12 February, Fribourg	"Enfance, adolescence, violence, Fatalité?" University of Fribourg, Faculté des lettres, et Société fribourgeoise de Philosophie
11 March, Geneva	"Quelles dispositions d'application à prévoir par les cantons à la suite de l'adoption de la nouvelle loi fédérale régissant la condition pénale des mineurs?" (audience: juvenile court judges)
13 March, Lausanne	"La médiation et la Justice des Mineurs", Fondation Education et Développement, Université des droits de l'Homme
24 March, Geneva	"La Violence dans la Société. Les réponses du terrain", Institut national genevois, public meeting

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